

TO HONOR BLACK HEROES

DALLAS COLORED CITIZENS TO CELEBRATE RETURN OF HER SONS WITH HALF HOLIDAY APRIL 21. BIG STREET PAGEANT AT HIGH NOON CONCLUDING WITH BIG FREE BARBECUE AND BASKET DINNER. HON. Wm. McDONALD TO DELIVER AN ADDRESS. OCCASION TO BE AT STATE FAIR GROUNDS. ALL SOLDIERS AND SAILORS TO BE IN UNIFORM.

A few of the Citizens of Dallas and vicinity met on last Friday evening and perfected an organization by electing M. M. Rodgers, Chairman and R. Lee Jones, Secretary for the purpose of celebrating and commemorating "THE HOME COMING" OF "THE OVER SEAS" and "THE UNITED STATES ARMY AND NAVY."

The day designated for this occasion is on "SAN JACINTO DAY," April 21st, and is to be celebrated with a grand banquet picnic and free barbecue in which all may participate. This event is a laudable one and is hoped to be long remembered. It is desired that every colored person in the city will take hold and make the affair a complete success. This is a gigantic movement and can not succeed without the co-operation of all the people, hence your help is needed.

Activities will open with a big street parade by the soldiers in uniform of the United States Army, in command of Lieut. Percival Everett, was the 52nd Division, who participated in many important engagements in Flanders and Northern France. The Uniform Rank K. of P. Master Gen. John L. Jones will serve as escort.

A holiday among all colored business concerns, be observed and business houses close 10 to 11 o'clock to enable the employees to see the parade and celebrate. The following committees were appointed, viz:

Committee on Solicitation and Finance:

M. M. Rodgers, Chairman.
Geo. Bowwell, Dr. R. T. Hamilton, Prof. J. P. Sparks, Chas. T. Brackins, J. H. Dixon, E. Lee Jones, V. L. S. Booker, S. W. J. Lowery, A. R. Pryor, E. J. Crawford, A. C. Hutchinson, W. E. Ewing.

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Committee on Arrangement:

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Committee on Program:

Dr. R. T. Hamilton, Chairman.
J. B. C. Jones, Prof. Walton, Prof. Polk, Prof. J. P. Sparks, Dr. P. J. Hawkins, Dr. A. H. Dyon, Lawyer A. S. Wells, Wm. P. Vaughn, Joe Trammell, J. S. Smith, A. A. Smith, Jno. "Jack" Harris, Chitz Moore.

Watch these columns for the Big Street Parade.

M. M. RODGERS, Chairman.

R. LEE JONES, Secretary.

DALLAS LOCAL

J. ALBA AUSTIN CITY EDITOR

PIONEER CITIZEN

PASSES AWAY

Starling R. Johnson, prominent churchman and politician, died suddenly at his home. Burial Community Shakers at News.

The entire colored population was shocked Tuesday evening when news was flashed over the city announcing the death of Starling R. Johnson, Sr., prominent churchman, lodge man, politician.

After going to the market Tuesday morning and preparing the breakfast meal, Mr. Johnson's left his home for Roseland street, on business and on reaching Roseland from Hall, he walked a few yards farther when all of sudden was attacked with a stroke of paralysis and was carried to Mrs. Birch, 34 Roseland, and given attention such as was possible. At the time as no seriousness was observed, on being asked by Mrs. Birch "do you want a doctor?" he responded in a jocular manner, "I am a doctor myself."

He then took a dose of his own medicine feeling that it would soon revive, continued growing worse, the remedy of his choice failing to relieve him and his condition became grave, an automobile was called for and he was carried home, at 11 o'clock his condition became more alarming, grew worse, every minute of the evening day and at 1:50 he breathed his last.

Mr. Johnson was a well known and highly respected citizen and was active in all important movements for the uplift of the race. He was born in Kentucky 56 years ago coming to Texas at an early age and lived in Dallas thirty-five years and attained the first Negro newspaper in Dallas; he was once a prominent figure in politics, running on Republican ticket for constable was elected so it is stated that his seat was taken by the position because he was deprived of an office tendered by voters. He was married twice, first by his first wife two children, Mrs. Claudine Birch of Lakeview, Ark., and Ernest of Denton, Colo., survive him and will be here to attend the funeral. Later he married Miss Julia Edmonson into three children, three sons, Starling R., Jr., James and Howard all of Dallas.

He is survived by three sisters, Mrs. W. M. Huddell and Miss Anna Johnson of Dallas; Mrs. Harriet Adams, Dallas and four brothers, George Johnson of Little Rock, Arkansas; Blaudine of Ft. Worth and Robert of Dallas.

Funeral will take place tomorrow at 2 o'clock at St. Paul M. E. church. He was a thirty-third degree Mason. Funeral services will be held under the auspices of all Masonic bodies, Eastern Stars, Shrine, Scottish Rite, Knight Templars, Blue Lodge and the Chapters. Dallas Union Lodge No. 119, G. U. O. of O. F. and the Golden Chain of the World all of these bodies he held important offices. His untimely taking away will be sadly missed in all avenues of usefulness. Burial will be made in Woodland cemetery.

SECRETARY J. T. FOX IN TOWN.

Secretary J. T. Fox of the War Work Council was in town this week on business. Secretary arrived here from Camp Taylor at Ft. Atkinson, Sunday. He was seen at the office of the War Council of the Y. M. C. at the United States.

A NUMBER OF BISHOP STUDENTS

ATTEND FUNERAL.

The following out of town friends and class-mates attending the funeral of Miss Sibyl M. Harden were: Misses Christabel Hugginsbotham, Parrilla Emory, Sedalia Neal, Robert Johnson and J. L. Kraft all of Bishop College, Marshall.

BIRTHS.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Hall, 1197 Fletcher street, Wednesday, April 2, a boy.
Born to Mr. and Mrs. C. Wright, 1822 N. Central avenue, Monday, April 7, a boy.

St. James A. M. E. church is to have charge of the Pythian Temple Monday night, April 21, at a great educational effort, at which time the Paul Quinn College students will render one of the greatest musical programs ever witnessed in this city. Get your ticket early and secure a good seat. Admission 25 cents. This will close the great soldier entertainment.

MME. PORTIA WASHINGTON PITTMAN

MAN IN RECITAL.

Madam Portia Washington Pittman, the talented daughter of the late Dr. Booker T. Washington will appear in several Texas Cities, during the months of April and May. She will render the following program in Clarksville, next Tuesday night where elaborate preparations are being made for her reception:

1. Polka de Concert. Bartlett
2. (a) Minuet. Padurako
- (b) Romance. Grimsdall
3. (c) Witches Dance. McDowell
- (a) Rondo Capriccioso. Mendelssohn
- (b) Can Alure. Beasmont
4. (c) Ruelle of Spring. Snelling
- (d) Last Hope. Gottschalk
- (e) Military Polonaise. Chopin
5. Thapody No. 12. Lutz

RESOLUTIONS IN BEHALF OF

BRO. D. W. HARDIN.

Friday, April 4, 1919. A messenger straight from the city of God came to the home of our dear Bro. D. W. Hardin, whom is a member of New Hope Baptist church and for the past four years has been chorister for Munger Avenue Baptist church, and announced home his daughter, Miss Sybil Harden who has served Munger Avenue Baptist church on organist for the past four years. The membership was thrown under a deep shadow of sorrow when the news came Friday that Miss Harden had succumbed to a noonday call. The life of this dear girl has been very beautiful while with us. A thousand sweet memories are holding her fast to the choir boys blessed with her presence and love.

The songs that she played and the dear words she said yet linger and echo in our souls. The Missionary Society and church can only say to the father, mother, sisters and brothers that we too, will go home over the river of rest as our dear Sybil before us has gone. Her soul has gone down in the beautiful vest to rise in the glory that awaits the throne. Respectfully submitted,
SISTER M. E. WASHINGTON,
SISTER C. E. RYAN,
SISTER L. B. COATES,
Committee.

WHAT WHITE PAPER SAYS OF COLORED SOLDIER.

"Negro Soldier Returns With Two Gold Stripes."

Corporal Toussaint Welch, a member of the 370th Infantry of the Ninety-Third Division, from Illinois, a regiment of Negro troops which took part in all three of the last offensive of the war, escaped from all of the battle unhurt and is now spending his time lecturing until the opening of the Armour Institute of Technology at Chicago in the fall. "We took part in the offensives at St. Mihiel, Argonne forest and Soissons," said Corporal Welch. "We were conveyed within thirty miles of Soissons in box cars and then we had to get out and hike the rest of the way in the dark. All troop movements were made at night, and we carried our packs in the dark toward the trenches. We were to relieve part of the French Army, and when we got up they were not ready to come out of the trenches, so we were forced to wait in open trenches for two days before we could take up our positions. During this time we had no food.

"Finally the French were ready to leave the trenches, and to take up our positions we had to cross what we afterward called 'Death Valley.' Here we saw native African troops fighting under the French flag. The dead lay all about us. The bodies were too thick for us to get through, as we carried our trench mortars, and so we were forced to walk on the dead bodies as we went. Some of them were French and others were Negro troops. On the mountain we took up our positions, and there we found equally as many dead Germans as we had found dead French on the other side of the valley.

"In the trenches of our new positions we waited for the Boche to attack, as we had received word that they were going to make a movement to gain back the ground they had lost. We fought against the picked troops of German and had gained for ourselves the title of 'The Black Devils.' Later on, on Oct. 11, we succeeded in breaking through the Hindenburg line. And on this occasion I saw one of the things I shall remember always—a dead man, one of our own machine gunners, dead at his gun, sitting as though he were fixing to fire it. We were in the front line trenches when the armistice was signed.

"On our return from the front we were stationed in the desolate village of LeMons. Here we turned in our trench equipment and most of our clothes and received new garments in return. We got rid of other things besides clothes here, too. There were 3,000 Negro troops in the regiment and they were offered by Negroes. The troop trains were jolly and even in the front line trenches we had games. What kind of games? Why crap games. The French had never seen anything like us, and they were just crazy about us. We fought as a part of the Tenth French Army and the French Generals gave us all sorts of citations for bravery."

Corporal Welch wears on his sleeve two gold service chevrons.

Corporal Welch by the unanimous consent of the Business League in session endorsed his work to a man. His lectures are strong and impressive.

Mrs. Alean Polk and Miss Ella Smith of Kyle, were guests of their aunt, Mrs. Nora Massey, 2505 Maple avenue this week.

Miss Christina Grissom of Greenville, who has been visiting Mrs. Nona Holman was called home suddenly on account of the illness of her brother.

JEWISH WAR RELIEF FUND

FALLING SHORT OF DESIRED GOAL.

Because of the short time allowed for organization the first effort ever made by a Jewish society to secure funds outside of their own nationality has not as yet been entirely successful. S. J. Sidel, secretary of Governor Hobby's Jewish War Relief days the current week has seen campaigns waged in many sections of Texas to secure \$500,000 for the relief of sufferers in the war stricken territories of Europe and Asia Minor.

State Chairman Alex Sanger of Dallas announces that where organizations have been possible that the returns have shown a full subscription of the allotted quota. The interest in the movement taken by non-Jews has been very gratifying, according to Mr. Sanger, and has plainly demonstrated the willingness on the part of the non-Jews to reciprocate in this, the first opportunity ever offered. Mr. Sanger points out that Jews have always been active in securing funds and subscribing to Liberty Loan Drives, Red Cross Campaigns, War Savings Stamps activities and all other moves where the grief of human beings has been involved, and that non-Jews have shown a keen interest in making the Jewish War Relief Fund campaign a success.

In those sections of Texas where because of the approach of the next Liberty Loan campaign and the short time permissible for organization, it has not been possible to secure the quota, a campaign will be carried on at a later date, in order that every section of Texas may be fully represented, and the full amount of the quota subscribed.

The largest cities of the state with strong organizations have shown wonderful progress, insuring their campaign slightly in advance of the others, because of local conditions. Fort Worth was the first city of the state to go over the top with an excess of twenty percent over their allotted quota. Approximately \$37,000 was secured in this city. Reports from Dallas, Houston, Waco, San Antonio, Galveston and El Paso show a strong organization and every promise of success.

The campaign is strictly non-sectarian. The funds will be used to assist the war sufferers, Jews non-Jews in Europe and Asia Minor. There has been a crying demand for assistance in these sections not handled by other agencies for relief.

GRAND CENTRAL THEATRE

JOHN HARRIS, MANAGER



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Sunday, April 13, Houdini, "The Hand Cuff King."

Featuring Houdini, the final episode to be shown Sunday.

"The Red Glove,"

Featuring Marie Walcamp, Thomas Lingham and Alfred Allen. A continued story every Sunday, running with Houdini.

Monday, April 14, "The Lightning Raider,"

Featuring Pearl White, a big Patheserial.

"The Silent Mystery,"

Featuring Francis Ford, Mae Gaston and Rosemary Theby, continued every Monday running with "The Lightning Raider."

Thursday, April 17, "The Man of Might,"

Featuring William Duncan, Edith Johnson, Joe Ryan, supported by an all-star cast. Also Tom Mix in a big two reel western drama running with "THE MAN OF MIGHT," every Thursday.

Adults, 17c; Children 10 years old, 11c.



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THOMAS H. INCE PRESENTS

Wm. S. HART



in "THE BORDER WIRELESS"

An ARTCRAFT Picture

scenario by C. GARDNER SULLIVAN Directed by Wm. S. HART

Supervised by THOMAS H. INCE

William S. Hart in "THE BORDER WIRELESS." A western drama presented by Thomas H. Ince. Wanda Hawley, a genuine beauty is his leading woman. The story deals with the fortunes of Steve Ransom, the role portrayed by William S. Hart, who is swindled out of his ranch in Wyoming by a powerful railroad company and both his parents die shortly afterward. Steve becomes a revengeful man and a bandit, wreaking havoc upon the railroad that caused his father's last days to be spent in grief. Steve meets Elsa, the operator, on her way to the Magdalena Mine with a message for a man named bandit. Steve rescues her from Mexican bandits and their friendship grows into love. Steve finally reforms, but his past is exposed and a series of complications follow which makes this picture one of the best Hart films in the entire range of his offerings. The latest Hart picture filmed. A five-reel feature. Adults, 17c; Children, 10 years of age 11c.

SPECIAL ATTRACTION

Tuesday and Wednesday, April 15th and 16th—two nights only—Douglas Fairbanks in "ARIZONA," his wife's friend, supported by Marjorie Daw, Kathleen Kirkham, Theodore Roberts, Albert McQuarrie, Raymond Hulton and others. Douglas Fairbanks, as Lieutenant Denton, of the Eleventh United States Cavalry, stationed in Arizona, loves Bonita, daughter of Mr. Canby owner of the Canby Ranch, and sister of Estrella, the wife of Colonel Bonham, Commander of the detachment. Estrella, secretly, loves Captain Hodgeman. Colonel Bonham is thirty years older than his wife, but he lives in the hope that she will one day return his love for her in like measure. The Eleventh Cavalry comes to the ranch and Denton is amazed the same evening to find Estrella in Hodgeman's arms. At a dance given the Cavalrymen Denton overtakes Hodgeman and Estrella discussing their proposed elopement, just as Colonel Bonham leaves for Los Angeles on military business. Denton threatens to kill Hodgeman for his rascality and after forcing him to give up Estrella's jewels which he had appropriated, he kicks him off the place. Estrella goes sobbing to her room followed by Denton and he is pleading with her to give up Hodgeman when Colonel Bonham appears unexpectedly. Unable to explain his presence to his commanding officer, Denton resigns his lieutenantcy, refusing to tell how Estrella's gems came into his possession.

Denton becomes foreman of the Canby Ranch and when the war breaks out, he organizes a company of Rough Riders. He is about to win Canby's consent to the marriage of Bonita to himself, when Hodgeman appears and poisons the mind of Canby against him. Denton refuses to explain the incident at the dance. Hodgeman is shot by the father of a woman he has wronged, but before he dies he accuses Denton of being his murderer. This is proved false by Estrella explaining Denton's chivalrous sacrifice. The Colonel is made happy by the love of his wife and as the bugle is sounded he leaves with his troop, her rose pressed to his lips.

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